

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

KIMBERLY SCAFIDI,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 3:14-cv-61

vs.

COMMISSIONER  
OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Magistrate Judge Michael J. Newman  
(Consent Case)

Defendant.

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**ORDER AND ENTRY: (1) APPROVING THE PARTIES' JOINT STIPULATION FOR  
AN AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT  
("EAJA") (DOC. 16); AND (2) AWARDING EAJA FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$5,500.00**

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This consent case, a Social Security disability benefits appeal, is before the Court on the parties' joint stipulation in which they agree that Plaintiff should be awarded attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of \$5,500.00. Doc. 16. EAJA provides for an award of attorney's fees to a party who prevails in a civil action against the United States "when the position taken by the Government is not substantially justified and no special circumstances exist warranting a denial of fees." *Bryant v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, 578 F.3d 443, 445 (6th Cir. 2009) (citing 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(A)). A party who prevails and obtains a Sentence Four remand is a prevailing party for EAJA purposes. *See Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292, 301-02 (1993).

The Court previously found the ALJ's non-disability finding unsupported by substantial evidence and remanded this case to the Commissioner under the Fourth Sentence of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further proceedings. Doc. 14. Accordingly, Plaintiff is the prevailing party in this

case for EAJA purposes and, therefore, is entitled to an award of attorney's fees under EAJA. *See Shalala*, 509 U.S. at 301-02. Having reviewed the timesheet entries submitted by Plaintiff's counsel, *see* doc. 16 at PageID 816-17, and considering the nature of the work counsel performed in this case, the Court finds both the hourly fee and the time expended reasonable. Accordingly, Plaintiff is entitled to an EAJA fee award in the stipulated amount of \$5,500.00.

Accordingly, based on the foregoing, the Court: (1) **APPROVES** the parties' joint stipulation for an EAJA fee award (doc. 16); and (2) **GRANTS** Plaintiff EAJA fees in the amount of \$5,500.00. As no further matters remain pending for review, this case remains **TERMINATED** upon the Court's docket.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Date: December 11, 2015

*s/ Michael J. Newman*  
Michael J. Newman  
United States Magistrate Judge